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1. INVITATION TO UNION OF SOCIALIST YOUTH OF YUGOSLAVIA (OMLADINA) EXTENDED OCTOBER 6, 1976, BY LETTER TO GOJKO VENISNIK, PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMISSION OF THAT ORGANIZATION. LETTER PROPOSED THAT HE AND UP TO EIGHT PROVINCIAL/REPUBLICAN LEADERS OF OMLADINA VISIT US FOR UP TO ONE MONTH UNDER IVP. NO MENTION MADE OF WHO PAYS COST. POST HOPES THAT OMLADINA WILL AT LEAST SHARE IN INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION IF THEY ACCEPT INVITATION.

2. INVITATION OF SOCIALIST ALLIANCE OF WORKING PEOPLE OF YUGOSLAVIA(SAWPY) EXTENDED JANUARY 31, 1977, TO DUSAN PETROVIC-SANE, PRESIDENT OF THAT ORGANIZATION. INVITATION COUCHED IN GENERAL TERMS AND AIMED AT MIDDLE-LEVEL OFFICIALS RATHER THAN TOP BRASS: DID NOT MENTION UNDER WHICH PROGRAM THIS WOULD TAKE PLACE, HOW MANY WOULD GO, OR WHO PAY FOR WHAT.

3. FOLLOWING UP EARLIER LETTER OT LEAGUE OF WOMEN, OFFICIAL INVITATION EXTENDED TO LEAGUE'S PRESIDENT, SIDA MARJANOVIC, ON OCTOBER 27, 1976, FOR HER AND THREE OR FOUR COLLEAGUES TO VISIT US FOR UP TO ONE MONTH UNDER IVP. NO MENTION  
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MADE OF COSTS. (FYI, LEAGUE'S OFFICIAL NAME IS CONFERENCE FOR THE QUESTION OF THE SOCIAL POSITIION OF WOMEN IN YUGOSLAVIA).

4. APPROACH TO LCY WAS MADE INFORMALLY BY POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO LCY OFFICIAL. AGAIN, DETAILS OF VISIT, SUCH AS WHICH PROGRAM WOULD COVER IT, HOW MANY WOULD PARTICIPATE, AND WHO PAYS, WERE NOT DISCUSSED PENDING AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE.

OUR INTENTION IS THAT ALL ABOVE VISITS BE FUNDED OUT OF IV PROGRAM OR POSSIBLY VIA CPI GRANT TO SOME US ORGANIZATION. IF NECESSARY, WILLING PAY WHOLE COST THESE PROJECTS FORM CU COUNTRY ALLOCATION FOR YUGOSLAVIA, ALTHOUGH WOULD HOPE YUGOSLAVS COULD CONTRIBUTE SOME COST-SHARING.

5. LIST OF YUGOSLAV GROUPS WHICH WERE SUPPOSED TO VISIT US AS PART OF BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS CONTAINED IN MIMO FROM ARBA OF JULY 2, 1975 (COPY TO CU MINNICH) BASED ON MATERIAL PROVIDED BY YUGOSLAV EMBASSY, DC, OUTLINING TWENTY PROJECTS YUGOSLAVS INTENDED SEND TO US IN CONNECTION BICENTENNIAL. THESE INCLUDED DIBROVNIK CITY ORCHESTRA, SOLISTI DI ZAGREB, ACEV CHOIR FROM SKOPJE, BELGRADE FOLK ENSEMBLE, SARAJEVO-SEATTLE OPERA EXCHANGE. SLOVENIAN PHILHARMONIC VISIT WAS RESCHEDULED FOR 1977. SINCE SOME OF THESE GROUPS DID NOT IN FACT TRAVEL, POST ADVISES CAUTION IN RELYING ON LIST, WE HAVE NO COMPLETE, ACCURATE INFORMATION ON WHICH GROUPS TRAVELED. YUGOSLAV EMBASSY SHOULD BE ABLE PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION.  
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